Florida Matters Quarterly report July 1 - Sept. 30, 2021

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Florida Matters Looks At Tampa's Hispanic Food History
September 28, 2021
We learn about Tampa’s early Cuban residents and the food culture they introduced to Floridians. (Cuisine, ethnic minorities, history)

WUSF's Unequal Shots Series Focuses On Inequities In Vaccine Access And Information
September 21, 2021
Our reporters Kerry Sheridan and Stephanie Colombini spent several months listening to groups invested in the health of communities of color. (Health, government, minorities)

Tampa Bay-Based Project Continues The Work Of Highlighting Unearthed Cemeteries
September 14, 2021
Five University of South Florida professors launched the Black Cemetery Network last June. (Minorities, history, higher education)

Ahead Of 20th Anniversary, Florida Matters Looks At Tampa Bay Connection To 9/11
September 7, 2021
On this week's episode, we recall President George W. Bush's visit to Sarasota on the day of the attacks, and hear from listeners about their memories of that day. (History, K-12 education)

**Florida Matters Talks To Candidates For St. Pete Mayor**  
August 31, 2021  
The race pits Pinellas County commissioner Ken Welch against city council member Robert Blackmon. (Politics, education, business, law and order environment, transportation)

**Census Shows Big Changes In Florida's Population**  
August 24, 2021  
The once a decade count determines everything from the number of congressional seats a state gets to where federal funding goes. (Social services, politics, law and order, minorities)

**DeSantis Enforces Executive Order To Have Final Say On Masks. But Some Local Officials Are Fighting To Change That**  
August 17, 2021  
A few Florida school systems are defying the order and they’re challenging the governor’s policy in court. (Education, politics, health)

**WUSF’s The Zest Podcast Launches Its Fourth Season**  
August 10, 2021  
Upcoming episodes range from an interview with the owners of 2 Korean Girls in Miami to the history of Gatorade, the popular sports drink created by the University of Florida scientists. (Cuisine, hospitality, business)

**Florida’s COVID Cases Rise As Schools Reopen For A New Year. It’s Become A Cause For Concern**  
August 3, 2021  
In the past week, Florida has broken records for new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. But schools can no longer require students to wear masks or take other safety precautions. (Health, education, politics)

**With Steve Currall Out, What’s Next For The USF Presidency?**  
July 27, 2021  
Currall only lasted two years in the position before announcing his resignation last week. He leaves next month but will remain on campus as a professor. (Higher education)

**After Making Few Changes, Pasco Sheriff Continues Controversial Policing Tactics**  
July 20, 2021  
After a Tampa Bay Times investigation that won a Pulitzer Prize highlighted harassment allegations late last year, criticism ensued. (Law and order, minorities, politics)

**Surfside Building Collapse Highlights Gaps In Florida Building Code And Condo Associations**  
July 13, 2021
The collapse of Champlain Towers South last month has led to Florida officials and condominium associations to re-evaluate building inspections and maintenance, especially when it comes to older structures. (Business, government, safety, infrastructure)

**Tampa Airport CEO Joe Lopano Sees Bright Future For Air Travel**
July 6, 2021
Lopano says passenger traffic at TPA is on track to surpass pre-pandemic levels. (Transportation, travel)